# **Programme Specification (Undergraduate)**

## For students entering in 2021/22

Date amended: April 2020

### Programme Title(s) and UCAS code(s):

BA French and English (RQ13)

BA Italian and English (RQ33)

BA Spanish and English (RQ43)

### 2. Awarding body or institution:

University of Leicester

#### 3. a) Mode of study: Full-Time

# b) Type of study: Campus based

### 4. Registration periods:

The normal period of registration is four years, including a full academic session abroad in the third year (three years, in exceptional circumstances, without year abroad). The maximum period of registration is six years.

#### 5. Typical entry requirements:

#### A Level:

128 points from 3 A levels. ABB at A2 level. English literature, English language or English language and literature is required at a grade B or above. General Studies accepted as one of the three A2 levels. French/Italian/Spanish, either a grade B in A2, or for beginners, evidence of capacity in another foreign language, usually at A2 level.

For students taking just one language as Beginners, we will accept A\*-C grades at GCSE as sufficient evidence of language learning abilities for entry onto the *ab initio* pathway of those programmes.

#### International Baccalaureate:

Pass diploma with 30 points, including 6 in Higher Level English and evidence of capacity in a foreign language, usually at A2 grade B or IB grade 6 higher level.

#### European Baccalaureate:

Pass with 77% overall, including English and a language at grade 7 (or equivalent) to be included in that figure.

#### Access to HE Courses:

Pass relevant Access to Higher Education Diploma with, 45 level 3 credits with 30 at distinction including a minimum of 12 English credits at distinction, and a recent review of written work. Also evidence of A2 level capacity in a foreign language.

Other national and international qualifications welcomed.

Mature students welcomed. Alternative qualifications considered for mature students.

### 6. Accreditation of Prior Learning:

APL will not be accepted for exemptions from individual modules, however may be considered for direct entry to year 2, on a case by case and subject to the general provisions of the University APL policy.

#### 7. Programme aims:

The programme aims:

- to enable students to explore their interest in English and French/Italian/Spanish literature and language, including the study of literary history and genre, as well as the culture and societies of French/Italian/Spanish and French/Italian/Spanish-speaking countries;
- to enable students to develop and demonstrate a range of skills necessary for the study of English and French/Italian/Spanish at undergraduate and postgraduate level;
- to provide an intellectually challenging and stimulating curriculum drawing on the research expertise and teaching strengths in English and Modern Languages;
- to develop students' ability to access and transform information, to communicate clearly and effectively in both English and French/Italian/Spanish, and to present their findings in a professional manner;
- to develop students' skills in close reading and literary analysis;
- to foster students' initiative, independent thinking and judgement, including research skills;
- to deliver learning opportunities through lectures, seminars, workshops and individual supervision;
- to enable students to demonstrate an ability in the skills of examinations, essays, portfolios, oral presentations, and group projects;
- to equip students with subject-specific and transferable skills in preparation for employment in a wide area including teaching, academic research, marketing, journalism, law, trainee management, publishing, translating, administration, media and the arts, travel and tourism, leisure industry, hotel and catering, social work;
- to equip all students with a high degree of proficiency in the use of French/Italian/Spanish Language as a medium for expression and communication, both written and spoken, through a programme of progressive tuition based on authentic documentation (press, film, literature and broadcast media), academic texts and exposure to native speakers;
- to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the cultures, communities and societies where French/Italian/Spanish is used, through approaches which draw upon key ideas, concepts and methodologies shared with other disciplines, including literary, cultural and film studies, historical, social and political;
- to promote intercultural awareness and understanding through the lived experience of time spent abroad and through the development of analytical skills of comparing, contrasting and mediating between cultures and societies

#### 8. Reference points used to inform the programme specification:

- QAA Benchmark Statement for Languages and Related Studies <a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/Publications/Documents/SBS-Languages-Cultures-and-Societies-15.pdf">http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/Publications/Documents/SBS-Languages-Cultures-and-Societies-15.pdf</a>
  - QAA Benchmark Statement for Linguistics <a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/Publications/Documents/SBS-Linguistics-15.pdf">http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/Publications/Documents/SBS-Linguistics-15.pdf</a>
  - Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)
  - UK Quality Code for Higher Education
  - University Learning Strategy
  - University Assessment Strategy
  - University of Leicester Periodic Developmental Review Report
  - External Examiners' reports (annual)
  - United Nations Education for Sustainable Development Goals

# 9. Programme Outcomes:

(i) Mastery of an appropriate body of knowledge and competencies  (i) Mastery of an appropriate body of knowledge and perporiate body of knowledge and part and inguistic knowledge and practice pertaining to English literature and French/Italian/Spanish language and culture.  Knowledge of the structures, registers and varieties of French/Italian/Spanish. Cultural studies programmes, requirement to watch TV news from a transcribility of the cultures and societies of France/Italian/Spanish-speaking countries  (ii) Understanding and application of key concepts and techniques seminars throughout the course reader of literary texts Demonstrate a knowledge of and application of a variety of methodological approaches to the study of English Demonstrate an understanding of the English Language in its historical and particular of a variety of methodological approaches to the study of English Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of phonology, syntax and discourse required to analyse French/Italian/Spanish.  Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of phonology, syntax and discourse required to analyse French/Italian/Spanish.  Literary literary texts of the principles of phonology, syntax and discourse required to analyse French/Italian/Spanish.  Literary literary texts for their formal, thematic and rhetorical significance.  Literary literary texts for their formal, thematic and rhetorical significance.  Literary literary texts for their formal, thematic and rhetorical significance.  Literary literary texts for their formal, thematic and rhetorical significance.  Literary literary texts for their formal, thematic and rhetorical significance.  Literary literary texts for their formal, thematic and rhetorical significance.  Literary literary texts for their formal, thematic and rhetorical significance.  Literary literary texts for their formal, thematic and rhetorical significance.  Literary literary texts for their formal, thematic and rhetorical significance.  Literary literary texts for their formal, them	Intended Learning Outcomes	Teaching and Learning Methods	How Demonstrated?
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appropriate methodologies		
aspects of the literatures,		
cultures, linguistic contexts,		
history, political and social		
structures of target countries.		
	Clear and concise presentation of m	
Present arguments in a variety of	Seminars, tutorials and lectures.	Essays, essay-based examinations,
written and oral formats		seminar presentations, group
	Seminars, Class presentations.	projects, seminar discussions,
Ability to give a presentation in		literature reviews.
French/Italian/Spanish on the		Assessed presentations and
topic of cultural or social political interest.		Assessed presentations, oral examinations.
interest.		examinations.
Ability to present a coherent		Assessed essays and examinations.
arguments based on research and		,
personal synthesis of material.		
(v) Critic	al appraisal of evidence with approp	riate insight
	-	Essays, essay-based examinations,
close reading, interpretation and	workshops, directed reading, written	
contextualization.	assignments, independent research.	projects, seminar discussions and
Use evidence effectively in the		literature reviews.
construction of arguments.	Research tasks, portfolios.	
Ability to synthesise and avaluate	Lectures, seminars, independent	Assessed research projects, portfolios.
Ability to synthesise and evaluate relevant literature and Internet	reading, requirement watch TV news	portionos.
material on the subjects studied.	in target language.	Essays, examinations, reporting back
linaterial of the subjects studied.	in target language.	news in spoken language classes.
Awareness of cultural and political		
reference Systems in target		
countries.		
	vi) Other discipline specific competer	ncies
Demonstrate imagination,		Essays, essay-based examinations,
sensibility and linguistic fluency.	workshops, directed reading, written	
	assignments, independent research.	projects, seminar discussion.
Intercultural awareness and		
understanding.	Seminar discussion, study of	Seminar presentations, essays, role
	literature, socio-political issues,	play.
	cinema, current use, role play and	
	drama, the periods of residence abroad.	
	(b) Transferable skills (i) Oral communication	
Participate effectively in group	Seminars, workshops, presentation	Oral presentations.
discussion.	of teamwork projects.	J. S. P. Cochications.
		Role-play exercises and simulations,
Present arguments in a range of	Spoken language classes, language	oral examinations.
registers and to audiences with	laboratory sessions, residence	
different needs.	abroad.	Assessed seminar presentations, oral
		examinations.
Fluent, accurate and appropriate	Seminar presentations, oral	
communication in target	•	Assessed translating and interpreting
language.	feedback.	tasks.

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Ability to give well-structured and	Translating and interpreting tasks.	
effective oral presentations		
demonstrating awareness of		
audience.		
Ability to mediate and interpret		
between target and source		
cultures.		
cultures.	(ii) Written communication	
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Present written arguments of	I	Essays, essay-based examinations,
1	supervisions, tutorials.	contribution to seminar discussion.
formality.		
	Weekly language assignments	Assessed language tasks,
Demonstrate clarity, fluency and	including register exercises, study of	examination.
coherence in written expression.	and practice in reproducing	
<b>■</b>	discourse features of a variety of text	Assessed translation tasks.
	1	examination.
types demonstrating accuracy and	1,1,	examination.
	 Translation classes.	
	Translation classes.	
conventions.		
Ability to produce accurate		
translations between target and		
source languages.		
	(iii) Information technology	
Ability to use IT effectively both as		On-line and CALL or TiLE exercises as
a means of communication and as		requirement, critical appraisal of
		internet material in presentations,
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		including blogs and wiki tools.
	present material.	
archive searches, data analysis.		Essays, seminar presentations, essay
	<b>■</b>	group-projects, computer-based
	I	exercises, problem-based exercises.
	directed reading, written	
	assignments, induction programme,	
	computer practical classes, data	
	analysis.	
	(iv) Numeracy	
Ability to interpret graphs and		Group projects and reports
extract relevant information.	berminars, Group projects	Stoup projects and reports
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	Analysis of current affairs documents	-
1		summaries and essays.
	_	Work placement report.
i	socio-political contexts.	
written formats.		
	Work placement preparation	
	guidance.	
(v) Team working		
Team-management and group-		Assessed group tasks, self-assessment
		of group-working skills. Blogs and wiki
planning and problem solving	1	tools.
pranting and problem solving		LOOI3.
(vi) Problem solving		
II	I	Essays, essay-based examinations,
_	workshops, directed reading, written	seminar presentations, seminar
problems.		

Design a research methodology.	assignments, independent research, teamwork.	discussions, group projects computer- based exercises.
Ability to identify, describe and analyse problems and to devise appropriate strategies for their resolution.	Assignment tasks involving increasing levels of critical engagement as course proceeds, error analysis through use of marking system.	Coursework assignments, examinations, research projects, interpreting skills, ability to self-correct language work.
	(vii) Information handling	
Identify, retrieve and manipulates textual, literary and critical sources and information.  Transform the significance of this information in the construction of arguments.  Understanding of information and referential structure of texts.  Ability to produce translations, résumés in the target language and between target and source languages.  Ability to make a personal synthesis of information gathered from paper, audio-visual and	worked up, directed reading, written assignment, independent research, computer practical classes, teamwork.  Language classes, interpreting tasks,	Essay, essay-based examinations, seminar presentations, group projects, seminar discussion, computer-based exercises, problembased exercises.  Assessed comprehension tasks.  Assessed résumés and translations.  Essays, presentations.  Interpreting tasks.
electronic sources in target and		
native languages.		
	(viii) Skills for lifelong learning	
Strategies for self-monitoring and continued maintenance and development of skills in target languages.	Development of metalinguistic	Language assignments, ability to self- correct. PDP record.
Effectiveness and self-awareness as an independent learner.	Research tasks, independent, critical and analytical reading and viewing.	Essays, research projects.
Reflect on your own and others' learning.		
Manage time and resources available to you.		

### 10. **Progression points:**

This degree programme follows the University's standard progression rules set out in <u>Senate Regulation 5</u>. However, all core language modules must be passed in order to progress to the following year of the programme and must be passed at Honours level (40%+). Final Year core language programmes must be passed at Honours level in order to graduate.

## 11. Scheme of Assessment

This programme follows the standard scheme of award and classification set out in <u>Senate</u> Regulation 5

### 12. Special features

Consolidation of linguistic skills and opportunity for cultural enrichment at an early stage of the course through three-week summer programme at end of Year 1, involving tuition from native speakers at a University and linguistic immersion through local accommodation.

Opportunity for total immersion in the target language and culture by the provision of one full academic session spent in France/Italy/Spain or a French/Italian/Spanish-speaking country during the third year (depending on programme of study).

Opportunity for the development of study skills in target country universities following a guided programme of learning for the period spent abroad.

### 13. Indications of programme quality

#### Modern Languages

External examiners' reports consistently emphasize the quality of the student learning experience and the high standard of teaching and of assessment. They also favourably comment on the careful design of our modules' intended learning outcomes and their meeting the requirements of the QAA benchmark statements in all its key elements.

Modern Languages at Leicester achieves regularly very high scores in the National Student Survey. In the 2017 NSS Modern Languages achieved an overall satisfaction score of 97.4% (JACS subject area of 'European Languages and Area Studies'). Students' comments praise in particular the vibrant and supportive student-staff community within Modern Languages.

Modern Languages at Leicester was ranked 8th nationally in the Guardian university league table 2017.

95% of the School's research is recognised internationally.

### **English**

We are currently 28th in The Complete University Guide. We have consistently excellent results in the National Student Survey with ratings of 90% or over since the survey began in 2005, and 91% in 2016. Positive reports of the quality and efficiency of examinations and assessment procedures from External Examiners note, for example, that the School 'has an impressive range of forms of assessment across all three years', 'has good students who are being taught well across the board', and is 'delivering impressive feedback' and marking. In the 2012 Periodic Developmental Review (previously last conducted in 2004), the panel's report on the School was extremely positive: 'Throughout discussions with both staff and students the Panel noted a very collegial and student-centred approach to all the School's activities. The Panel particularly noted a culture of embedding the assurance of quality and standards into all areas of the School. The enhancement of the student experience was also actively encouraged and fostered. The Panel was impressed with the knowledge of the Chairs of the School's committees and their engagement with managing and enhancing the learning opportunities of students across the provision. The Panel also praised the leadership of the [then] Head of School who actively and knowledgeably oversaw the School's activity. The Panel had confidence in the management of quality assurance and quality enhancement processes in place within the School to assure the quality of the learning opportunities available to students and to comply with both the QAA Codes of Practice and the University Codes of Practice.

#### 14. External Examiners

The details of the External Examiner(s) for this programme and the most recent External Examiners' reports for this programme can be found <u>here</u>.

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#### **Appendix 1: Programme structure (programme regulations)**

There are two main routes through the core language modules on this programme: One for students with well-developed abilities in a language other than English and their native language, and one for students without such abilities. The former group of students take the programme with advanced language skills; the latter group of students take the programme *ab initio*. For example, an advanced French student will take FR1010 Advanced French Language in year 1, followed by FR2010 Post-Advanced French Language in year 2. A beginners level student will take FR1020 French Beginners and FR1021 French Beginners in year 1 followed by FR2018 French Post-Beginners in year 2. These students will be taught together in final year language groups. The same pattern applies to other languages. Please see the diagrams below.

#### Notes:

- 1. Optional modules are listed at the end of each year; they may be subject to change from year to year **and will not run if under-recruiting**.
- 2. Students whose native language is either French, Italian or Spanish, and who wish to study this language as part of their degree programme at Leicester, will normally be required to substitute 30 credits of ELTU modules from the range EL2001-EL2024 for the core language modules (FR1010 or IT1010 or SP1010). Students with native speaker fluency in both English, and the language they wish to study as part of their degree programme at Leicester, will be required to substitute 30 credits of cultural modules taken from the range on offer in the relevant language or ML modules for the relevant core language modules.

#### FIRST YEAR

Students are required to attend a compulsory three-week summer school (ML2007: Modern Language Summer School, 0 credits), organised by the School of Modern Languages and in one of the languages they are studying, during the long vacation at the end of the first year. Students studying at beginner's level must go to the summer school in that language.

SEMESTER 1 (60 credits)	SEMESTER 2 (60 credits)
CORE	CORE
either:	15 credits of language: either: h Language (Advanced) (30 credits, year-long)
or: FR1020/IT1020/SP1020 French/Italian/Spanish Language (Beginners) 1	or: FR1021/IT1021/SP1021 French/Italian/Spanish Language (Beginners) 2

EN1020 A Literary Genre: The Novel	OPTIONS
(30 credits)	
	1 x 15 credit module from the Modern
FR1050/IT1028/SP1022 Introduction to	Languages Cultural Studies Modules list (as
French/Italian/Spanish Studies (15 credits)	aligned with the language being studied)
(as aligned with the language being studied)	
	AND EITHER
	EN1050 Renaissance Drama (30 credits)
	OR
	EN1037 Describing Language (15 credits)
	AND
	EN1040 The History of the English Language

# **Modern Languages Cultural Studies Modules**

Option modules may be subject to change from year to year.

		credits
FR1014	Twentieth-Century French Literature	15
FR1027	Introduction to Francophonie	15
IT1027	Authors and Genres	15
IT1029	Italy since 1945	15
SP1031	Introduction to Latin American Literature & Film	15
SP1041	Introduction to Spanish Literature & Film	15

# **SECOND YEAR**

SEMESTER 1 (60 credits)	SEMESTER 2 (60 credits)
CORE	CORE
or (if language in Year 1	Language (Post-Advanced) (30 credits, year long) was taken as Beginners): Language (Post-Beginners) (30 credits, year long)
EN2320 Renaissance Literature (30 credits)	EN2050 Love Wars: Gender, Writing and Society 1660 – 1789 (15 credits)
	EN2060 Concepts in Criticism (15 credits)
OPTIONS	OPTIONS
1 x 15 credit module from the Modern Languages Cultural Studies Modules list (as aligned with the language being studied)	1 x 15 credit module from the Modern Languages Cultural Studies Modules list (as aligned with the language being studied)

# **Modern Languages Cultural Studies Modules**

 $Option\ modules\ may\ be\ subject\ to\ change\ from\ year\ to\ year.$ 

		credits
FR2032	Introduction to French Linguistics	15
FR2042	Challenging Perspectives: Conflict and Relations in French Culture	15
FR2045	Media and Cultural Practices in France	15
FR2046	French Urban Space	15
IT2011		15

IT2012	History of Italian Cinema	15
IT2016	Italian Society and Culture under Fascism	15
SP2023	The Spanish Civil War in Literature and Film	15
SP2035	Contemporary Mexican Cinema	15
SP2037 SP2042 SP2070	Hispanic Documentary Film The Spanish Silver Age (1900 to 1950): A Revolution in Language Latino/a Literature & Culture in the United States	15 15 15
ML2060	Languages in the Classroom (for Advanced Students of French or Spanish)**	15

<sup>\*</sup> available only to Advanced Students of French or Spanish

### **THIRD YEAR**

Students are required to spend a full academic session abroad between the second and final years, following approved courses at a university in France, Belgium, Canada, Switzerland, Italy, Spain or Latin America (Mexico, Colombia), or alternatively as an assistant in a school in one of those countries. Students also have the option of doing a work placement, subject to departmental approval.

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
СО	RE
ML3032 Year Abroad Placement Evaluation: Study or Work (Year Long) (30 credits)	
ML3035 Language Skills (Year Long) (90 credits)	

### **FOURTH YEAR**

SEMESTER 1 (60 credits)	SEMESTER 2 (60 credits)
CORE	CORE
FR3111/IT3010/SP3010 French/Italian/Spanisl	n Language (Proficiency) (30 credits, year long)
OPTIONS	OPTIONS
	1 x 15 credit module from the Modern Languages Cultural Studies Modules list (as aligned with the language being studied)
AND EITHER	AND EITHER
	EN3340: Rewriting Britain (30 credits)
EN3010: Dissertation (30 credits)	
OR TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:	OR TWO OF THE FOLLOWING
	1 x 15 credit module from the English Special
1 x 15 credit module from the English Special	Subject Modules list from the list below (15
Subject Modules list from the list below (15 credits)	credits)
	EN3030 Modern Literature (15 credits)

EN3147 Romanticism: Revolutionary Writing from Blake to Shelley (15 credits)	EN3040 Postcolonial Literature (15 Credits)
EN3028 Victorians: from Oliver Twist to The Picture of Dorian Gray (15 credits)	

#### **Modern Languages Optional Cultural Studies Modules**

Option modules may be subject to change from year to year

		credits
FR3051	Bilingual Writing and Self-Translation: Literature in a Cross-Cultural Perspective	15
FR3125	Immigration and Ethnicity in Colonial and Post-Colonial France	15
FR3140	Norms and Margins in French Cinema	15
FR3202	Interpreting French	15
FR3208	Gender and Power in Contemporary France	15
IT3136	Contemporary Italian Fiction	15
IT3139	Post-war Italian Directors	15
IT3144	Visions of Modernity	15
SP3134	Boom Literature: Language and Creation	15
SP3140	Cinematic Representations of Latin America: Local versus Global	15
SP3145	The Cinema of Luis Buñuel	15
SP3155	Putumayo: the history and culture of a Latin American conflict zone	15
SP3162	Contemporary Women's Writing in Spain	15
SP3165	Spain and its Others	15
ML3020	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (1)	15
ML3021	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (2)	15
ML3176	Extended Essay*	15

<sup>\*</sup>Students wishing to undertake a Modern Languages extended essay in final year should note that this is available by successful application to the Section Coordinator only. Selection will be based on the student's prior academic performance and the strength of the research plans that they are able to present.

# **English Special Subject Modules**

Precise options available will need to be confirmed, and will include many of research-focused modules (options will vary according to staff availability)

Semester :	1	
Precise op	tions available will need to be confirmed, and usually include research-	
focused m	odules such as those from the list below.	
EN3004	Coming of Age in America: Representing Adolescence in Fiction and Film	15
EN3071	Forms of Modern Poetry	15
EN3078	Love and Death: The Nineteenth Century Novel in Russia and France	15
EN3102	Feminist Fiction	15
EN3119	Writing Voices	15
EN3142	Criminal Women in Early Modern Literature	15
EN3146	Love and Sex in Old English Literature	15
EN3151	Classical Worlds: Translation and Reception	15
EN3169	Detective Fiction from Sherlock Holmes to the Second World War	15
EN3174	Writing Prose Fiction	15
EN3209	The Living and the Dead in Nineteenth Century Literature and Culture	15
EN3216	Life and Fate: Russian Literature from Pushkin to Grossman	15
EN3333	Shakespeare, Sex, and Gender	15
Semester :	2	

Precise opt	ions available will need to be confirmed, and usually include research-	
focused mo	odules such as those from the list below.	15
EN3111	American Autobiography and American Literature	15
EN3021	Literatures of Protest: Reading and Political Action	15
EN3130	Modern Monsters: The Other in Contemporary American Texts	15
EN3105	War, Trauma and the Novel	15
EN3128	Late Victorian Gothic: Jekyll and Hyde to Dracula	15
EN3141	Representing the Holocaust	15
EN3144	The Thatcher Factor: The 1980s in Literature	15
EN3158	Jane Austen: The Novels, their Contexts and their Adaptations	15
EN3159	Modern European Fiction	15
EN3171	Historical Fiction	15
EN3194	Tragedy	15
EN3199	Clinical Encounters? From Victorians to the Present Day	15
EN3202	Green Unpleasant Land: Britain's Colonial Countryside	15
EN3204	Writing for Laughs	15
EN3350	Reading and Writing Climate Change Fiction	15
EN3208	Sex and Sensibility: Women Writing, Revolution	15

# **Appendix 2: Module specifications**

See module specification database: <a href="http://www.le.ac.uk/sas/courses/documentation">http://www.le.ac.uk/sas/courses/documentation</a>

#### 15. Guided Independent Study

### **CONTENT MODULES**

### **Guided Independent Study: Indicative Activities**

Each student uses their independent study time differently, but as a broad guide, you might find it useful to spend roughly the suggested amount of time on each of these activities:

Lecture, seminar and tutorial preparation (20%)

Lecture, seminar and tutorial revision (20%)

Assessment preparation (35%)

Reflecting on assessment feedback (5%)

Wider reading/research (20%)

#### LANGUAGE MODULES

#### **Guided Independent Study: Indicative Activities**

Each student uses their independent study time differently, but as a broad guide, you might find it useful to spend roughly the suggested amount of time on each of these activities:

Class preparation (20%)

Class revision (15%)

Assessment preparation (30%)

Reflecting on assessment feedback (15%)

Immersion in the Target Language (20%)